

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1354

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2015, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation proclaiming May 15, 2015, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10 through May 16, 2015, as Police Week and called upon Governors of the United States and other appropriate officials to direct that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff on May 15, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, during this Police Week, we recognize our law enforcement officers for keeping our communities safe and responding in times of crises; and

**WHEREAS**, we mourn the recent deaths of Officer Benjamin Deen and Officer Liquori Tate, both officers of the Hattiesburg Police Department, who were slain in the line of duty the night of Saturday, May 9, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor law enforcement officers throughout our state and country for their dedication to duty, and during this Police Week, we memorialize those who lost their lives in the performance of their duties to serve and protect:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction from sunrise to sunset beginning on May 11, 2015, and ending at sunset on May 15, 2015, to memorialize fallen Peace Officers.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.



**DONE** at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 11th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the two hundred and thirty-ninth year of the United States of America.



PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR



C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF STATE